

## PEACEFULLY IN SAMOA

## Natives Are Contented With United States Rule

### COMMANDER TILLEY'S VIEWS

## He Says They Quickly Become First-Class Soldiers

PRODUCTS OF THE ISLANDS

SAN FRANCISCO, June 12.—Commander J. F. Tilley, U. S. N., governor of the United States possessions in Samoa, who has just arrived here on leave of absence, discussing conditions there, said:

The natives are now docile and content. When I was boarding the Ventura they gave me a "slewa" or Samoan charioteer to drive them to their good will. Ten girls and ten men followed me, singing and making music by beating mats. A great many farewell tokens were pressed upon me, but the customs officers demanded duty on them, and the presents are hardly worth the expense.

"We have permitted the natives to follow their own customs when they were not pernicious. It was necessary to reform their customs regulating marriage and divorce. The uniqueness of the conditions and the remoteness from higher authority compelled me to act the part of a supreme legislator. Now that the work of an executive officer I issued ordinances forbidding the transfer of real property to whites by natives."

**Division Into Counties.** The possessions are divided into counties, each governed by a native officer appointed by the American commander. This system has pleased the Samoans. Recently the chiefs at Faga Togo offered the water front land to the government at a reasonable price, and announced that they would

"Peace was what the islanders needed. They were suffering perpetually and their warfare interfered with production. The soil voluntarily yields bread fruit, cocoanut and everything the Samoans require to eat and to make their life comfortable. They need not work. It is not surprising therefore that they are inclined to idleness.

"Under the American stimulus the production of copra is increasing rapidly. Within a year or two, the area of plantations is increasing. Copra is the principal production, although the coconuts and tobacco crops are also important. The total value of American Samoa is about 110 all said.

"Evidence of the docility of the natives is the fact that recently they raised tax of \$7,500, paid in Copra, to defray the

**Character of the Natives.**

"The Samoans are not permitted to have whiskey, but they do not like it any way, and it is no trouble to keep them sober. They are a brave, warlike, hospitable people, and the few 'natives' I have ever seen. Our Government has no intention of preserving the race from admixture. We have enlisted fifty-eight Samoans in the navy as landmen, ordinary seamen, seamen and petty officers. They are kept ashore and are the military resource of the island. They are wonderfully proud of their uniforms. They take to fire arms like ducks to water, and rapidly become experts in the school of the soldier. An enlisted man named Samson, who has \$30 in American money, is a tremendous swell among the natives. He makes a good soldier, fighting being the Samoan's specialty, and his few dollars will amount to a great deal, his chief value of the islands to this country is a great harbor, which is protected against hurricanes and is easily made secure against an enemy. Congress has passed an appropriation to enable us to enlarge the coal storage capacity of the harbor to 100,000 tons for the fleet. The harbor is 2,000 miles from Honolulu, 1,400 miles from Auckland and 1,000 miles from Sydney, German Samoa is doing well under Germany's rule. I am in command at Samoa."

**FIFTY CADDIES ON STRIKE.**  
Labor Upheaval on the Hermitage Golf Links.  
Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.  
RICHMOND, Va., June 12.—The caddies at the Hermitage Golf Club, the most exclusive in the south, struck in a body yesterday, and there is trouble on the Hermitage links. Nothing but negro caddies are employed according to the rules of the club, and all of the fifty caddies are very black.  
A committee was appointed and formally waited on the president, Thomas M. Rutherford, and demanded 15 cents an hour instead of 10 cents. This Rutherford refused.  
"Then we strike in a body," declared the caddies.  
"Strike ahead," said Rutherford, who so ordered them off the links. The caddies marched around the grounds waving hats and coats, and for an hour sang: Caddy boys are all right; caddy boys on strike." President Rutherford was surprised.

to meet the demand for 15 cents, and under no circumstances to employ any of the striking caddies hereafter at any price. White boys will probably be employed in future.

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**BUST OF GEN. R. E. LEE.**  
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presented to Washington and Lee University Today.

ALEXINGTON, Va., June 12.—Gen. Robert Lee's bronze bust by Frederick Volk is being presented to Washington and Lee University by Frank T. Howard of New Orleans. The bronze is life size and is said to be the best work of art extant of Gen. Lee.

The artist was employed by the Confederate government to make the bust during the civil war. He intended to use his model for a heroic statue of Gen. Lee, but his task prevented.

**CAPT. WILHELM DIES FROM WOUND.**  
 Member of 21st Infantry Who Was Wounded at Lipa.  
 MANILA, June 12.—Captain Wm. H. Wilhelm of the 21st Infantry, who was recently wounded in the shoulder in an engagement with insurgents at Lipa, Batanes province, died today.

**Joseph Ching Sentenced.**  
 Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.  
 BALTIMORE, Md., June 12.—Joseph H. Ching of St. Mary's county, the convicted anarcho conspirator, was today sentenced by Judge Morris of the United States district court to two years in the penitentiary and pay \$1,000 fine. The case was appealed, and pending the appeal Ching was released on bail of \$5,000.